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ABSTRACT

This pathfinder provides an annotated bibliography of 17 literature sources available in school social work along with information on how to access them. The sources were selected so that the list of titles as a whole gives a broad overview of the field of school social work. These topics are emphasized: (1) history of the profession; (2) practical, rather than theoretical applications of service; (3) legislation concerning the field; and (4) future trends of the profession. The bibliography is arranged according to these types of literature: bibliographies/indexes, encyclopedias, monographs, periodicals, and government documents. Two school social work agencies are also briefly described. In addition, brief directions are given on now to find books, articles, legislation, and further information. (ABL)

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SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PATHFINDER

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INTRODUCTION

School social work is the application of social work skills and principles in a school setting to help fulfill the objectives of the educational system. The work of the school social worker is focused on working with the student, teacher, school administration, staff, parents, and the community in helping to provide a setting that is conducive to the education and well being of the student. This may entail counseling with a child to try and affect behavioral change, consulting with a teacher about ways to work with a problem child, co-ordinating with the principal and the business community concerning a drop-out prevention program, visiting the home of a student, or serving as a communication link between all parties involved.

From the visiting teacher of the early part of this century, to the certified professional today, school social workers have been an important part of the school setting, although they have served in a limited number of schools across the United States. As the problems become more complex in today's society and the educational system becomes more diverse, the role of the school social worker is more important than ever. Until recently, school social work has not been widely regarded as a separate social work field. How, and if, they serve differs from state to state, along with the credentials needed. With increasing public interest in education and the enactment of Public Law 94-142: The Education For All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, school social work should become more important in the future. Many states have certification and many others will adopt the same, as the field of school social work seeks to solidify its profession.

School social work has a relatively short history and its literature is limited. In the past few years, however, the field has become more cohesive and efforts to provide quality literature to its professionals has increased. The purpose of this pathfinder is to provide a listing of some of the sources available and how to access them. It is intended to be used in a large academic library.

The sources included in this pathfinder are intended for practicing school social workers or students in a program of study for social work. The scope is limited to the United States. School social workers need information and case studies concerning practical application of social work skills in educational settings. History, legislation, and future needs of the field are also important to students and practitioners. Sources were selected so that the list of titles, as a whole, would give a broad overview of the field of school social work. Most sources will not address all areas. The aspects I looked for were: (1) a history of the profession, (2) practical, rather than theoretical applications of service, (3) legislation concerning the field, and (4) future trends of the profession. Reference sources on school social work is limited. Much of what is written appears as monographs or in the few journals devoted to the field. An attempt to select the most current sources was made, but older relevant titles were included.

During the process of preparing the pathfinder, I consulted the card catalog, the on-line catalog, School Social Work in the Literature: A Bibliography, and Subject Guide to Books in Print.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SOURCES

Bibliographies/Indexes

Fisher, Randy A. School Social Work in the Literature: A Bibliography. Silver Spring, Maryland: National Association of Social Workers, 1979. 1981 Supplement.

A bibliography of articles, papers, and monographs compiled by a school social worker. There are over 1600 entries by 1000 different authors. Entries encompass the entire field of school social work and cover a period of over 50 years. An appendix on how to read the entries is provided.
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Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE). U. S. Dept. of Education. Phoenix, Arizona: Oryx Press, v. 1--, 1968--. Monthly with semiannual cumulations.

An index published in co-operation with the U.S. Department of Education's Educational Resource Information Center (ERIC). It indexes over 700 education and education-related journals. Since school social work is involved with the educational process, many of the journals indexed contain articles dealing with the role of social work in schools. Entries are found under the heading "school social workers." The index is arranged by class with subject and author indexes.
LB1028 C877

Resources in Education (RIE). Washington, D. C.: U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, v. 10--, 1975--. Monthly with annual cumulations.

An index to research literature in education, including unpublished papers and reports of funded projects. This publication supercedes Research in Education and continues the numbering scheme. This index, like CIJE, contains sources dealing with school social work. Resources are found under the heading "school social workers." Documents are listed by ED number, with subject, author, and institution indexes. Most of the documents are available on microfiche.
LB1028 R3832

Subject Guide to Books in Print. New York: R. R. Bowker, 1957--. Annual.

One of the "Books in Print" publications (Title, Author, Paperback, Forthcoming). A listing of titles of books which are presently available, or soon to be. The listing is arranged alphabetically under LC subject headings. Entries about school social work are found under the heading "school social work." Entries include title, date, LC number, pages, price, ISBN, and publisher.
Z1215 P973

Encyclopedias

Encyclopedia of Social Work. Silver Spring, Maryland: National Association of Social Workers, 1st ed.--, 1929--.

An encyclopedia that covers all aspects of social work in

the United States and Canada. Biographies of social work leaders, trends in the field, and histories of specialized areas of social work are a few of the topics covered. The field of school social work is covered in a concise overview article, found on pages 538-545. The 1987 edition is a two volume set that contains over 200 signed articles arranged alphabetically. Cross references and bibliographic references are provided.
HV35 S6

Monographs

Allen-Mears, Paula, Robert O. Washington, Betty L. Welsh. Social Work Services in Schools. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1986.

A text for the education and training of school social workers. This book is very broad in scope, covering the history of school social work, and a conceptual framework for social work in schools. The practice of school social work, and planning, implementing, and evaluating school social work services is covered.
LB3013.4 A45 1986

Ferinden, William, E., Jr., Donald C. Van Handel. The Handbook of School Social Work. Linden New Jersey: Remediation Associates, 1974.

A collection of writings from authorities in the field of school social work. A variety of childhood disorders is dealt with, focusing on the application of social work practices in the school. A book that provides school social workers with an insight into problems associated with the field and methods of bringing about behavioral change.
LB3013.5 F47

Hancock, Betsy Ledbetter. School Social Work. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1982.

An overview of the field of school social work. The book is comprised of sections dealing with the history of school social work, problems of children, families with needs, special services, and the future of school social work. In-depth treatment is not covered , but enough coverage is given to provide the school social worker with a basis on which to build. This book will acquaint the new or prospective school social worker with the problems, issues, and situations of the field.
LB3013.4 H36

Winters, Wendy Glascow, Freda Easton. The Practice of Social Work in Schools: An Ecological Perspective. New York: The Free Press, 1983.

One in a series of books about specific fields in social work. Focus of this book is on the quality of interactions between individuals and groups in the school and between the school and others in the community. The social work process in schools is addressed, along with practical methods of working with pupils, families, teachers, and others as individuals and groups to facilitate educational objectives.
LB3013.4 W56 1983

Hawkins, Mable T. Achieving Educational Excellence For Children at Risk. Silver Sring, Maryland: National Association of Social Workers, 1986.

A compilation of selected papers from the NASW Third National School Social Work Conference, "Educational Excellence in Transitional Times." Papers deal with the problems school age children face and practical methods of working with these children as problems arise. A wide range of school related concerns are addressed.
LB3013.4 N38 1985

Bellos, Neal S., Gerald M. Gross, and Joseph R. Steiner. Innovative Projects in School Social Work Practice, Vol. II. Syracuse, New York: Syracuse University School of Social Work, 1977.

A compilation of papers presented at the Tri-State Leadership Workshop on School Social Work held in Madison, Connecticut in 1974. The papers deal with projects that were implemented in schools. The projects fall into one of four categories: intervention with schools, intervention with parents, intervention with educational staff, and program development. Included in the papers are the problem, goals, process, evaluation, and implications of each project.
LB3013.5 I5555

Federal Legislation and the School Social Worker. Washington, D.C.: National Association of Social Workers, 1978.

A compilation of articles by authorities in the field of social work about implications of legislation on the field. The focus of the book is on the role of the school social worker and the implementation of the practice within the guidelines of specific legislation. Included is an article about Public Law 94-142: The Education For All Handicapped Children Act of 1975.
KF4119 A2 F4

Periodicals

Journal of School Social Work. Linden, New Jersey: Journal of School Social Work, Inc., vol. 1--, 1974--. Quarterly.

A scholarly journal for school social workers. Articles deal with social work activities and the school aged child. The impact of the social worker on students, parents, and community and their role as a member of the educational organization are addressed. Some articles deal with specific programs and studies within the field.
LB3013.5

School Social Work Journal. Glen Ellyn, Illinois: Illinois Assoc. of School Social Workers, vol. 1--, 1976--. Semi-annually.

A journal of the profession of school social work, concentrating on the state of Illinois and the surrounding nine state area. All aspects of the field are covered, including the history of the profession, future trends, roles of school social workers, problems in the profession, and expanding services. Book reviews are also included. The information this publication provides is beneficial to practitioners throughout the country.
LB3013.4 S36

Social Work in Education: A Journal For Social Workers in Schools. Silver Spring, Maryland: National Association of Social Workers, Vol. 1--, 1977--. Quarterly.

A journal focusing mainly on practice and some theoretical developments in the field of school social work. A wide range of topics are addressed, including descriptions of practices, research, legislation, policy, planning, and ethical considerations. Special topic issues are published occasionally. A book review section is included. One of several professional journals published by NASW.
LB3013.4 S62

School Social Work Quarterly. New York: The Haworth Press, vol. 1--, 1979--. Quarterly.

Concerned with social work practice in pre-school, elementary, and secondary settings. The development of school social work services, casework with students, including the handicapped, parent involvement, early intervention, community organization, and child advocacy are some of the topics covered by the articles in this journal. A very practice oriented publication.
LB3013.4 S37

Government Documents

Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration. Federal Register. v.1--, 1936--. Daily.

This is the most current source for regulations and notices issued by federal agencies. The CIS Federal Register Index, issued weekly provides access to the Federal Register by subject and name, CFR section numbers, and agency docket numbers. Summaries of actions taken are included in the entries. Any activity pertaining to school social work can be found browsing under the Health and Human Services Department and the Education Department headings.

Agencies

National Association of Social Workers/ School Social Work Task Force--Austin chapter.
810 West 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 474-1454

A task force made up of NASW members to provide information and support to those interested in social work in public education settings.

Communities in Schools
2608 Richcreek Rd.
Austin, Texas 78731
(512) 450-0413

An organization whose purpose is to provide drop-out intervention in public schools in the state of Texas. Their method is to place social workers in selected elementary and secondary schools to work with targeted high risk students.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK

School social work is the application of social work skills and principles in a school setting to help fulfill the objectives of the educational system.

TO FIND A CONCISE, OVERVIEW ARTICLE ABOUT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, CONSULT:

The Encyclopedia of Social Work, pages 538-545. HV35 S6

RECOMMENDED BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY ON SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK ARE:

Hancock, Betsy Ledbetter. School Social Work. LB3013.4 H36

Winters, Wendy Glascow, Freda Easton. The Practice of Social Work in Schools: An Ecological Perspective. LB3013.4 W56

Federal Legislation and the School Social Worker. KF4119 A2 F4

IF YOU WANT MORE BOOKS:

Look in the card catalog under "School social work" and "Social work with children."

OR

Use the on-line catalog using the terms "social work" and "school(s)."

OR

Browse the shelves searching the call number LB3013.

OR

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND A LIST OF BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE IN THE LIBRARY, TRY:

Fisher, Randy A. School Social Work in the Literature: A Bibliography. LB3013.4 F573

OR

Subject Guide to Books in Print. Z1215 P973

You may be able to borrow some of these books from other libraries. Our Interlibrary Loan Department will assist you in finding these titles.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CURRENT ARTICLES ABOUT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, READ THE FOLLOWING JOURNALS:

Social Work in Education LB3013.4 S62

OR

School Social Work Quarterly LB3013.4 S37

IF YOU NEED TO FIND ARTICLES, PAPERS, OR REPORTS ABOUT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, LOOK AT:

Fisher, Randy A. School Social Work in the Literature: A Bibliography. LB3013.4 F573

OR

Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE). LB1028 C877
Search under the heading "school social workers."

OR

Resources in Education (RIE). LB1028 R3832
Search under the heading "school social workers."

CIJE and RIE are part of ERIC and may be searched via a CD-ROM. See a reference librarian for more details.

IF LEGISLATION AFFECTING SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK INTERESTS YOU, TRY:

Federal Register. Access is by the CIS Federal Register Index or scan the information found under the Health and Human Services Department or the Education Department headings.

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